

St. Johns is Calling You

Is second in number of industries. Is seventh in population. Cars to Portland every 16 min. Has navigable water on 3 sides. Has finest gas and electricity. Has two strong banks. Has five large school houses. Has abundance of pure water. Has hard surface streets. Has extensive sewerage system. Has fine, modern brick city hall. Has payroll of \$95,000 monthly. Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight. All railroads have access to it. Is gateway to Portland harbor. Climate ideal and healthful.

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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Woolen mills, iron works. Stove works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Veneer and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

STRONG SPEECH

By Mr. Lafferty in House of Representatives

Hon. A. W. Lafferty recently made a speech in the House of Representatives, and as it contains much of local interest, and tells where Mr. Lafferty stands and his views on a number of momentous questions, we have decided to publish it in full. Owing to its length, we will be compelled to publish it in weekly installments. We believe it will be read with considerable interest. The address follows:

Mr. Chairman, I wish to apologize to the House for the fact that my remarks will not be directly upon this resolution, but they will bear upon the subject of the education of our people. When the House is in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union it is permissible for members to discuss any subject that relates to the welfare of the country, and I desire to say a few words on the state of the Union.

My remarks shall be directed to legislation which I deem necessary to the happiness of the people of the United States. It will be my purpose to point out the kind of a fight that must be made to secure this legislation. In doing so I shall endeavor to show that the channels of news at the present time are all controlled by the money power, and that, therefore, if the people are to win there must hereafter be more direct communication between members of Congress and Senators here in Washington and their constituents at home. A small portion of my remarks may appear to be local in their application, but I doubt not that every member within the sound of my voice will agree that conditions with reference to our present news service are much the same all over the United States.

I have heard it said that no man can be nominated and elected to Congress or to any other important public office under present conditions, unless he be supported by a daily newspaper. That statement is not true, in my opinion. If it were true it would be most unfortunate for the public welfare, for in that case our Government would be completely dominated by, and our public servants would be entirely subservient to, privately owned newspaper corporations. All special privilege corporations stand together when in common danger.

In my district there are three dailies, all owned by millionaires. H. L. Pitcock owns a majority of the stock in the Oregonian and the Telegram, which I treat as one paper; C. S. Jackson owns a majority of the stock in the Journal, and E. W. Scripps owns a majority of the stock in the Daily News.

It would be as reasonable to expect a camel to go through the eye of a needle as to expect any one of these three newspaper corporations to support me hereafter, or to give publicity to the work I am doing here in Congress to break up private monopoly. Among other trusts there is the Newspaper Trust. The Associated Press supplies the Oregonian and the Telegram with news from outside of Portland, without which news neither paper could profitably run for a week; and the United Press supplies the Journal and the Daily News, the Journal receiving the full report and the Daily News the "pony" or abbreviated report, and neither paper could run without such outside news. These press associations now have it in their power to control the policies of the papers they serve, for the reason that they may withdraw their service at any contract expiring period and give the same to another. Besides, all daily papers are under obligations to the press associations for not furnishing the same service to others who would start competing papers.

Last April I introduced a bill to make the Associated Press, the United Press, and all other press associations common carriers of news, and to place them under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The effect of that bill, if it becomes a law, will be that press associations will have to furnish their news reports to

all comers at the same price and upon equal terms, and if that price be deemed exorbitant, any newspaper may complain to the Interstate Commerce Commission to have a reasonable rate fixed for the service, just an application may now be made to the commission to have fixed a reasonable freight rate. Therefore, if my bill becomes a law any man may start a newspaper and be assured that he can buy any press report on the market upon equal terms with any other newspaper. That would break up the newspaper monopoly and would make local newspapers independent.

About the time I announced my intention of introducing that bill, Mr. Bond P. Geddes, a reporter here in Washington for the House press, a gentleman whom most of the members know personally and whom I now see in the gallery, came to my office and complained that I had said in a statement which appeared in the Congressional Record that the Associated Press and the United Press were controlled by the money power. Mr. Geddes stated to me that the United Press was owned by E. W. Scripps, the same man who owns the Portland Daily News, and Mr. Geddes, after pointing out that the Daily News had supported me in the last campaign, asked me to print a retraction in the Congressional Record of my statement that the United Press was controlled by the money power. Mr. Geddes stated that in coming to see me he was acting under orders from the Washington, D. C., manager of the United Press, who at this present time is Mr. Perry Arnold, in the Munsey building. I declined to print any retraction. From that day to this my name has not appeared in the Daily News, except for brief mention when I was recently in Portland. The paper refused, as did the other three papers of Portland, to mention my departure from Portland for Washington on November 26, 1913, to attend the present session of Congress. Personally, I did not care, but I notified the Daily News, the Journal and the Oregonian of my departure, and it was as little as they could have done to notify their readers, many of whom are in official correspondence with me as their Representative here, of the fact that I had been in Portland for three weeks and of my return on the day mentioned for Washington. The Oregonian and the Telegram refused to either mention my arrival or departure.

Having stood by my bill to break up the Newspaper Trust, and my statement that both the Associated Press and the United Press are controlled by the money power, well knowing that such action on my part would alienate my last vestige of newspaper support, so far as the dailies are concerned, I desire to give other members of the House and my constituents and the country at large, so far as I can, my reasons for so doing. Since I became a member of this honorable body three years ago I have had but a single purpose, and that purpose is to work and vote for the public welfare upon all occasions as against special interests. I appreciate as highly as does any gentleman here the great honor of sitting as a member of this House. But I did not regard my election to the House as an end, but as only a means whereby I could help accomplish an end, to wit, the enactment of laws for the public welfare. Very few of those who voted for me, or for any Representative within the sound of my voice, had any special interest in our elections, but they were interested in the trust we are to discharge.

I want to make it plain that members of this House cannot fully discharge their duties to work for the common people and the general public welfare if they permit their course to be influenced by newspapers printed by private corporations for private gain. There has been entirely too much toadying to "the press." Mayors of cities postpone important engagements in order to admit to their offices some gentleman representing "the press." Governors do the same thing. Cabinet officers, and even the President himself, scan the papers to see what sort of a "story" was "carried" by the various press associations concerning some of their activities. These press associations and their newspapers soon let it be known what shading of opinion they will

"BURBANK OF DRY FARMING WORLD"

Has Oregon Products at United States Land Show in Chicago



CHICAGO, Ill.—Fate made Tillman Reuter the "Burbank of the Dry Farming World." About ten years ago he left his home in Evansville, Ind., broken in body and spirit, and he went west in quest of health. He not only found health, but won wealth and fame as well. He located in Central Oregon and pioneered it as a cultivator of the dry farming variety. He worked wonders, growing everything in the shape of grains and vegetables that are produced with more ample rainfall. This year at the International Dry Farming Exposition in Tulsa, Okla., Reuter, for the third consecutive time, swept the boards in competition with the exhibits of the entire North American continent. Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, has installed a portion of the famous Reuter exhibit in the Great Northern railway's booth at the United States Land Show, which opened Nov. 20th in the Chicago Coliseum. Reuter, meanwhile, is too busy getting ready for his next year's crop to attend the Chicago show. He is out to make it four consecutive "world's championships" by improving his next dry farming congress exhibit.

"play up strong," as they call it, and what they will ignore. In that way "the press" wields a powerful influence today on the actions of many public servants.

The press has two ways of killing off a public servant who proves recalcitrant and insists upon serving the public welfare in season and out of season. One is attack and ridicule and the other is silence. By one means or the other "the press" figures it can bring any public servant to his knees before it. I have defied the "press." I shall continue to do so. In no other way, in my opinion, can a public servant be absolutely independent and serve his employers. It was as natural that the special interests should have seized upon "the press" as a means of controlling public servants as it is for a thug to grab the first bludgeon within his reach with which to strike you down when he desires your pocketbook. In former years the special interests could control public servants by sending their agents into conventions to nominate men known to be "safe," and by putting up the money to elect such men, but with the coming of the direct primary laws, the direct election of Senators, and the corrupt practices acts, requiring that it shall be made public by affidavit where campaign contributions come from, all of which laws started with William S. U'Ren, in the state of Oregon, the special interests are, in their extremity, left with but one powerful weapon still under their complete control, and that weapon is "the press."

Continued next week. The Linnton Leader made its initial appearance yesterday. It is edited and under the management of D. N. Byerlee, formerly editor of the Review and a newspaper man of long and varied experience. The new paper is a six column, four page paper and presents a nice appearance. The Review wishes the new publication a long and prosperous career.

Review 50c Per Year

It is the custom of many newspapers to offer premiums occasionally in order to acquire a larger subscription list. Different articles that run the gamut from books to household utensils are thus held out as inducements by various publications. The Review has decided to inaugurate a campaign for a larger subscription list in St. Johns. Owing to the closeness of times and a corresponding scarcity of the coin of the realm, instead of offering premiums, the Review will be sent to any address in St. Johns at one-half price, or fifty cents per year, which we believe will be more appreciated than a premium would be. This reduction in price will hold good only until January first. Present subscribers may avail themselves of the bargain rate also by paying up arrears, if any exist, and fifty cents for one year in advance. Every home in St. Johns should receive the Review each week. It is a duty every citizen owes to the community, because the larger the subscription list the better paper, and the better the paper the more benefit it will be to the community. Take advantage of the bargain rate, and tell your friends about it.

Mrs. Mary Erickson of Portland who last week threw a stone through a cigar store window in Los Angeles because she was hungry and wanted to go to jail to obtain food, is to become the wife of Fred Smith of Denver. Chief of Police Sebastian proposed to Mrs. Erickson for Smith. The Denver man wrote the Chief that he was willing to marry any woman who could throw straight enough to hit a window and who had the spunk to break into jail to keep from starving. At first Mrs. Erickson refused the proposal. She relented, however, and said her first decision was because the proposal was "so sudden."

Fire at East St. Johns

Fire broke out at the Pitchless Lumber Company's plant in East St. Johns last Friday night, and before the flames could be stayed the entire plant, with the exception of the office building and a small storage room, were completely destroyed. M. Mackey, the night watchman, had made his rounds 10 minutes before he noticed the flames, which broke out in the main mill. The plant had not been running for two weeks, and there was no fire anywhere about the plant, and it is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. The plant was owned by E. F. Boutan. The St. Johns and Kenton fire departments were upon the scene in short order, but could do little to stay the flames which were eating their way through the inflammable material. Besides the buildings, a quantity of expensive machinery and mill stock was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$21,500 with insurance of \$5500.

The suit of the Maxwell Land and Irrigation Company against the Hermiston Bank and Trust Company to prevent the sale of plaintiff's lands under the Umatilla project, Oregon, by which an injunction had been secured which was afterwards set aside on demurrer has been appealed. The sale of the lands had been fixed for December 27, 1913, but in view of the appeal of the case to the Oregon Supreme Court, which now has the matter under consideration, the sale will not take place on December 27, as advertised, but must necessarily await the decision of the Supreme Court of the state relative to the validity of the deed of trust given by the Maxwell Company to the Hermiston Bank and Trust Company.

Where shall I get my hair cut? At Gilmore's barber shop. adv.

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Bredeson presiding.

A petition for a special policeman in the East St. Johns district was referred to the health and police committee for recommendation.

A petition containing 92 signatures asking the city council to place on the ballot at the regular city election the proposition of voting bonds for the installation of a new water system, to connect with the Portland mains, was presented by Chas. Anderson, who stated that he had received advice from Attorney General Crawford to the effect that such action could be legally undertaken. On motion of Councilman Vincent the matter was referred to the city attorney to look up the legal aspects of the proposition. The obvious intention of the petition was to ignore any rights or considerations the present water company might be entitled to.

An invitation was extended from the fire department to the city council to attend a smoker to be given by the department Monday evening, January 5th, which was accepted.

M. J. Carson in a communication asked that action be taken in regard to his petition that the liquor ordinance be altered so that a license might be given him to do business on Alta street. Upon recommendation of the liquor license committee the request was not allowed.

Owing to the fact that a graveyard had at one time existed on portions of Macrum and Swift avenues and a cloud had since rested on the title to the land, and upon request of M. L. Holbrook, part of whose holdings are involved in the matter, it was decided that an attempt be made to secure a clear title. Mr. Holbrook having agreed to pay any costs entailed in so doing.

Renewals of liquor license were granted to J. D. Condon, Sherman Cochran, M. F. Joyce and Thos. Glover, whose present licenses expire December 31st.

The report of the police department for the month of November was read and accepted.

The petition for improvement of Banks street was held over for another week in order that more signatures might be secured on the petition.

A resolution providing for the improvement of Hartman street from Central avenue to Oswego street by grade and cement sidewalks was adopted, as was also a resolution providing for the improvement of Willamette boulevard between Burlington and St. Johns avenue by cement sidewalks, 18 foot curbs and concrete paving.

The liquor license committee was instructed upon motion to investigate the provisions of the liquor ordinance relative to openings to saloons from Jersey street.

Upon motion of Alderman Vincent it was the expressed sense of the council that two park sites be placed upon the ballot at the city primary election to wit: The Caples tract and the Catlin tract, one being in each ward, with the proviso that a satisfactory price be obtained upon same, and to be voted upon as a unit. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Martin suggested that it might not be a bad plan to submit an amendment to the city charter to the people whereby city councilmen should be elected for different length terms so that an entirely new council each year would not be a possibility, and asked that the suggestion be given some thought.

HIGH SCHOOL

Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

At last, the long coming Christmas vacation has arrived! There are good prospects of coasting and snow baling during the holidays. All are hoping that the snow will continue through the vacation, which will last until the fifth of January.

The girls are progressing rapidly in the art of cooking. After weeks of plain cooking they were allowed to make candy for their last lesson previous to the holidays. Many were the "ums" and "ahs" when at last they saw, then tasted the result.

Friday night, December 19th, our basket ball teams met the Beaverton teams in the first outside game of the season. The James John teams were both victorious, the girls with a score of 2 to 11, and the boys with a score of 30 to 18. The girls' team showed well in spots, but were weak on basket shooting, and showed lack of practice and team work. The material is there, but some team work and training is necessary before strong teams are played. The boys were ragged and ineffective in the first half, but came back stronger in the second half. Their passing was good when it started, but was very slow in starting. Fumbling was the order of the day, and much careless passing was also done. Basket shooting was wild and woolly, but this can be remedied later in the season. The effort is to obtain team work first and then develop the shooting art later. Had our girls made every field goal they attempted the score would have been almost 500; had the boys made all their shots good their score would have been about 1000. The game was ably handled by Referee Davis of Pacific University and Umpire Smock of St. Johns.

The third meeting of the Dramatic Society of the High School was held Tuesday afternoon. A short but very interesting program was given, consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, and of several readings. At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared on the scene and distributed the presents from the very "Christmas" tree. Each member of the society received a gift, and judging from every one's joyful smile, it was just what he most longed for. Pop corn for every one appropriately closed the joyous occasion.—Reporter.

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The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: St. Johns Gas Co., gas for City Hall \$1.25; D. A. Bert, 2 days' work on street, 5.00; W. D. Wright, 7 hours repairing road roller, \$3.05; S. W. Bugbee, 3 days' work with team, \$15.00; W. E. Marsh, 1 1/2 days' work on street, \$3.75; J. Anson, 2 1/2 days' work on street, \$6.25; F. H. Mead, 1 day's work on street, \$2.50; Bert Olin, 6 days' work on street, \$15.00; George Skaar, 6 days' work on street, \$15.00; Chas. E. Miller, sharpening tools etc., \$1.80; total, \$68.60.

The charity ball given by the Bachelor Club in the skating rink Monday evening was a most enjoyable affair. Almost 100 couples were in attendance. The rink was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the music furnished by Rudd's orchestra was simply unsurpassable. The floor was in superb condition, and every element conducive to a perfect evening's enjoyment was present. We understand that about \$250 have been raised by the Bachelors toward the Christmas fund, which went toward making a happy Christmas for many poor families of St. Johns.

A Pleasing Recital

The students of Miss Malena E. Long gave a splendid recital at her home at 404 Alta street Saturday evening, December 13th, before a number of invited guests. The students acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, and the recital was enjoyed very much by those present. The following program was rendered: In the Mountain Hut - Heins. Edleweiss Glide - Vanderbeck. Miss Arline Shaw. The First Waltz - Biederman. Margery Moxon. Martha (Flotow) - Krug. Miss Masie Petersen. Golden Star Valse - Streablogg. Thelma Kirkpatrick. Nocturne - Read. Dance of the Brownies - Kaman. Miss Sadie Cramer. Gretchen Serenade - Heins. Miss Blanche Edleresen. Merry Bobolink - Krogman. The Hunter's Horn - Schmoll. Miriam Clarke. Moonlit Waves - Fearis. Hunting Song - Spindler. Miss Florence Davis.